

PRESBYTERIANS COMPETE FOR SILVER TROPHY

Song Contest Between Twenty or More Sunday-Schools Attracts Attention.

HOLD REHEARSAL TO-DAY

Great Song Festival to Take Place Under Direction of Edward T. Clissold at City Auditorium on Friday Night.

Looking one day past the all-absorbing reunion, there looms up an event of genuine interest to the Sunday school and church-going population of the city. The Presbyterian Sunday schools of Greater Richmond have planned a big song festival and contest for Friday night, in which all of the schools will take part. The leaders report that more than 500 of the very best singers in all the schools have registered for the full chorus.

Edward T. Clissold, a celebrated director and baritone, of Chicago, is here for the week, and will train the chorus. There is no man more capable of doing this in a creditable manner than Mr. Clissold. He has been engaged in this class of work for the past fifteen years with marked success. The second mass rehearsal was held at Grace-Covenant Church yesterday afternoon, with a large attendance, and announcement has been made that to-day at 4 o'clock there will be another full rehearsal in the City Auditorium.

SONG CONTEST FOR SILVER LOVING CUP

In addition to the big chorus, there will be a song contest by the various schools, each singing one song in the competition for the handsome silver trophy offered for the best performance. Five judges have been selected from the leaders in Sunday school work in some of the larger schools of the city outside of the Presbyterian denomination. They are as follows: Lewis Pilcher, superintendent Second Baptist; J. A. Gawthrop, superintendent Centenary Methodist; T. M. Hundley, superintendent Seventh Street Christian; Selden Walke, assistant director; St. James Episcopal; E. H. Ritenour, superintendent First English Lutheran.

The decision of the judges will be rendered immediately after the close of the contest, and the trophy will be presented to the winners in an address by Congressman Andrew Jackson Montague, ex-governor of Virginia.

The trophy is in the form of a loving cup, solid lined with handles extending from the rim to the base. Engraved on one side is the name of the event and beneath it a space for the title of the winning school. Below this the date and the name of the school making the award and originating the festival. On the opposite side is the figure of a harp. The dimensions of the trophy are twelve inches across, including the handles, and eighteen inches in height, standing on its polished mahogany base. It will be covered by a very handsome oval-shaped crystal case.

Since the announcement of this event about three weeks ago, the schools to participate have been busily engaged in preparing for it, and it is reported by those in charge of the various schools that a marked improvement in the singing by the Sunday schools is already apparent.

Schools and leaders of other denominations have also become interested in this new and unique plan to improve this important feature of Sunday school work, and it is freely predicted that a capacity house will witness the contest.

POLICE INVESTIGATION ARGUMENT CONCLUDED

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plained his transactions in second-hand jewelry with various characters of the underworld, adhering to his previous statements.

Louis Wildhorn, a youth from whom Krenzel bought a piece of jewelry, and whose identity had been previously confused by Krenzel with that of another youth in the pawnshop, was then called. The object was to straighten out the confusion of identities, the latter youth having been summoned by mistake at an earlier session.

McGUIRE FILES NAMES OF HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

Attorney McGuire then filed as a part of the record of the investigation a list of the names of officers and directors of the American Social Hygiene Association, whose agents were employed by the Vice Commission to find the evidence upon which the commission based its reports.

Attorney Hiram M. Smith then stated that counsel for the police commissioners would waive their privilege of putting on witnesses in rebuttal. The investigating committee then received and adopted the report of the subcommittee, which inspected the "secret budget" of \$400,000. The report recited that the budget was not desired; that the Vice Commission's report contained all the evidence of material worth to the investigators.

Attorney Murray M. McGuire, for the Vice Commission, opened the argument. "We are not charging graft," he said, after a few preliminary remarks. "What we charge is that the accused police commissioners encouraged commercialized vice. That is what we expect to show." He quoted Police Captain Sewell as saying before the Vice Commission, and on the witness stand that many cheap lodging-houses and boarding-houses outside of the segregated district, on Main and Chestnut streets, were used for illicit purposes. He knew there were many in his district. He had done his best to close them.

SAYS WEIL SELLS GOODS TO BARKEEPERS

Mr. McGuire, proceeding, commented upon the fact that Commissioner Weil was in the cigar business and sold his goods to many barkeepers.

Concerning Commissioner Goode, he said: "The many charges against Mr. Goode affect his personal moral conduct and his interference with the Chief of Police and other officers on different occasions." He argued that moral unfitness was sufficient cause for removal from office. In support of his argument, he cited decisions in similar cases tried in New York and other places, quoting also from the case of Mayor Cutchins, of Roanoke, who was deposed.

He asked the committee to remember that the policemen who were called upon to testify in the investigation were put in a very trying position, and

JUDGES AND TROPHY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG CONTEST



concluded with an appeal in the name of morality to the investigators to consider the moral welfare of Richmond in preparing the report and findings. "In the name of High Heaven," he concluded, "let us have this city cleaned."

HIRAM M. SMITH DEFENDS COMMISSIONERS

Attorney Hiram M. Smith followed Mr. McGuire.

Referring to remarks made by Mr. McGuire, he said: "He blames these three commissioners, who have been named by the Vice Commission, for conditions that have existed here since fifty years ago, or earlier. I have the highest esteem for the members of the Vice Commission, but I reserve the privilege to criticize them."

"Mark you, not one scintilla of the evidence the commission has presented to you has behind it the word, the honor or the sworn testimony of any member of the Vice Commission. Dr. Gravatt has told you that the members of the commission did not even see those professional investigators while they were here."

Mr. Smith protested against the attitude of City Attorney Pollard throughout the investigation. He said, while Mr. Pollard denied that he was prosecuting anybody and insisted that he was merely aiding the investigators to bring out evidence, counsel for the commissioners had found him a very vigorous prosecutor.

SAYS ONLY INTERFERENCE WAS BY COMMISSIONER THOMAS

"We have been surrounded by prosecutors," he pursued, indicating the City Attorney, Mr. McGuire and David Meade White, counsel for the Social Service Federation. "My client is charged with interfering with the police and hampering them in the enforcement of the law. I say to you, there has been brought out in the testimony just one successful piece of interference. That was the interference by Commissioner Thomas. Mr. Thomas, as shown by the testimony, went to the Chief of Police and said: 'I understand you are going to move Policeman Galbraith. If you do we will part company as friends, and I will bring the matter before the Police Board.'"

"We do not deny the things of any importance they charge us with. We deny and protest against the peculiar details worked into the main allegations; the false construction given to words and deeds, the false, sinister motives ascribed, the distortion of facts."

Referring to the "bawling out" of Chief Werner by Goode, he argued that Goode's explanation was plausible and true. "It is simply inconceivable that any man of average intelligence who contemplated violating the law would act as Goode did in the presence of several witnesses," he insisted that by the testimony of Martin, Goode's

companion on the occasion of the visit to headquarters, the incident was shown to be nothing but a joke. He said the incident had been dragged up after two or three years had elapsed and distorted into evidence against the commissioner.

EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR MRS. WOODRUFF

The attorney expressed deep sympathy for Mrs. Woodruff. "I think a great injustice has been done this respectable woman," he said. "Her reputation has been sacrificed in an attempt to show that Commissioner Goode maintained a disorderly house over his store."

He directed attention to the terms of the Council resolution directing the inquiry to extend over the whole Police Department.

"And the first man against whom any incriminating evidence was shown is Krenzel," he declared. "Are you investigating the Police Department or only these three commissioners, accused by the Vice Commission?"

"No sooner does evidence appear against Krenzel and others than we find counsel for the Vice Commission and the City Attorney rushing to defend them," Mr. Smith scathingly retorted. Krenzel, declaring him unworthy of belief and alluding ironically to the defense of Krenzel by the City Attorney. He quoted from Krenzel's testimony to show that the witness had contradicted himself. He ridiculed Krenzel's explanations of his transactions in jewelry with "Smoot" Stewart, alleged police man and stool pigeon. He said Krenzel's record showed him to be reckless in deeds and acts. He referred to the fact that the detective sergeant had killed two men in his police career. "One was an innocent negro," he said, "the brother of the real culprit for whom the police were searching. Krenzel shot him in the dark. Consider the acts of Krenzel. Is he guilty of malfeasance in office or not? That is the question, and I leave it, with the utmost confidence, to your decision."

LEIGH PAGE SAYS CHARGES AGAINST WEIL WERE TRIVIAL

At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's speech, the committee excused Councilman Ferguson, who had an appointment elsewhere. Leigh R. Page, counsel for Commissioner Weil, spoke, speaking only thirty-five minutes. "As I understand it, the main charges directed against the three commissioners," he said, "are unlawful interference with the police in their enforcement of the law, rather than charges of moral delinquency in their private lives." He contended that the testimony of the Chief of Police and other officers proved conclusively that there had been no interference with

the members of the force by Mr. Weil or any other commissioner. He discussed the two instances of alleged interference by Weil, and said it had been sufficiently shown by the testimony that these affairs were too trivial to merit serious consideration.

ATTORNEY GOODE DWELLS IMPRESSIVELY UPON THE FACT THAT ALLEGATION OF GRAFT HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST THE COMMISSIONERS

Attorney Goode, dwelt impressively upon the fact that no allegation of graft had been made against the commissioners. He said it was most significant that the first suggestion is yet to come that the Police Department is a corrupt organization. He regarded it as a source of intense gratification that Richmond may be proclaimed to the outside world, after this long and searching inquiry with open doors, as having such a Police Department.

ATTORNEY FOR MCCARTHY CHALLENGES ACCUSERS

"There is yet to come the first suggestion that the laws have not been enforced by the Police Department," said Mr. Scott, "except in this one matter of the social evil, the existence of the segregated district, a matter which the world's highest authorities have condoned and sanctioned."

"It has been shown that the red-light district of Richmond was the best regulated in the United States."

"I have no excuses to make for Commissioner McCarthy. He has no apologies to make for his conduct. He stands here, challenging his accusers. Until this investigation began I never knew him. I congratulate myself now that I am here to represent such a man as the evidence before us has disclosed." He read from the records of the Police Board and discussed McCarthy's official activities. He read from a letter written by Carlton McCarthy in 1908, then Mayor, commending the whole membership of the Police Board for fidelity to duty. He read the resolution adopted by the board complimenting Mr. McCarthy, whose term was then about to expire, for "the faithful and efficient manner in which he had at all times discharged his duty."

SAYS MCCARTHY FAILED TO MAKE GOOD AS LIQUOR SALESMAN

He spoke of McCarthy's failure to make good as a liquor salesman, because with all of the power of a police commissioner to employ to his own advantage he failed to exert this influence to forward his business interests.

He denounced Krenzel as "a confessed violator of the law, and what is worse, a confessed violator of his oath of office." He told the committee that in law a conviction may be obtained only on the testimony of reliable and credible witnesses, giving a preponderance of affirmative testimony.

"Krenzel is a self-confessed trafficker in jewelry with denizens of the underworld whom it is his duty to

pathy with the perpetuation in office of people who have been shown to be unfit for their positions." He read McCarthy's written answer to the charges and declared it woefully deficient and unconvincing.

POLLARD GIVES ALL HONOR TO MCCARTHY

Challenged by Alderman Workman as to the old score that he "appeared to be condemning one division of the Police Department and defending another," the City Attorney denied it.

"All honor to McCarthy," he burst forth suddenly, "for his activity in prosecuting raids on disorderly houses! We find that in the record, I am willing to give credit where it is due and where the records show it. I am not a prosecutor." He then read excerpts from the record of the inquiry, quoting therefrom to support statements of Krenzel that had been challenged by the lawyers. He condemned the red-light district plea, saying it was all wrong. He charged that officers higher up than Krenzel knew that the law was constantly violated in the segregated district, where liquor was illegally sold.

"I would like to so arouse public sentiment," he said, "that a red-light district will never again be permitted here. That district has always been in violation of the law. If you must have a red-light district have it by law, but (paraphrasing Macbeth's speech) do not shake your gory locks at Krenzel."

Continuing, Mr. Pollard said he did not censure the Police Board for the

existence of the segregated district. "If the only charge you can find substantiated against these three commissioners," he said, "is their acquiescence in the establishment of a red-light district in Richmond, then don't convict them. Let them go in peace. If you believe Krenzel is unworthy of belief, say so in your report."

RIDICULES DEFENSE OF WEIL AND GOODE

Mr. Pollard ridiculed the written answers of Weil and Goode to the charges against them. He said he could not conceive of such "jokes" as these commissioners offered as excuses for their conduct. In concluding he said: "Why could not the men of the police force close the houses of evil repute that had been open for so many years outside the segregated district? Because there was some malign influence upon them. Mr. Scherer has told you that the houses could be closed. Mr. Wyatt has told you it could be done. Give Krenzel a clean bill of health and put him in a clear light before the people of Richmond."

"Remember that the character of a city is determined by the character of the men she crowns. I have sought this investigation only to elicit the truth. Let the truth have its way."

Judge White Designated

Governor Stuart yesterday designated Judge R. D. White, of Princess Anne, to sit for Judge Chinn a part of the term of the Circuit Court of Lancaster County, beginning June 8.

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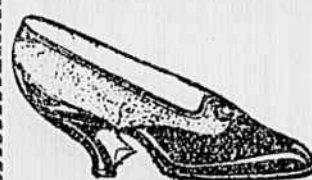
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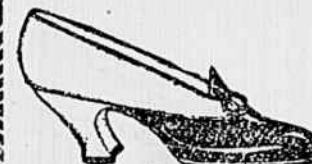
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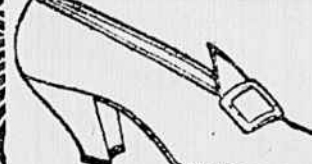
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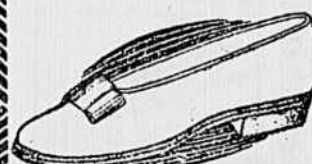
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